ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5   **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING USER CONTROL**
      OVER RECEIPT OF COOKIES FROM E-COMMERCE APPLICATIONS

      A method, system, apparatus, and computer program
product are presented for processing cookies that are
10   transmitted from a server through a proxy server to a
client that is operated by a user. The proxy server
detects that a response message from the server for the
client has an associated cookie. The proxy server
extracts a domain identifier associated with the server
15   from the response message, and the proxy server retrieves
a set of parameters that contain domain identifiers that
are associated with indications of whether to block
transmission of cookies from servers associated with the
domain identifiers. The proxy server then processes the
20   cookie in the response message in accordance with the
retrieved set of parameters and the extracted domain
identifier, either blocking or not blocking cookies from
the identified domain. Blocked cookies are cached for
subsequent use. Multiple sets of parameters may be
25   configured by the user.